

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006 – 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 391 new fires reported. One new large fire (\*) was reported in the Eastern Area. Five large fires were contained, two each in the Southern and Eastern Areas, and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire and Vermont.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Team (Rogers) is assigned in Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing initial and extended attack fires within the 140 million acre fire management response area. Higher relative humidity over much of Texas moderated fire activity, and no new fires were reported within the management area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

FL SPORTS PARK, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is near Naples, FL in southern rough. Minimal fire activity was reported. The fire is being monitored.

GARCON-EASTER, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles south of Bagdad, FL in grass. A cold front is expected to bring scattered thundershowers to the area. No further information was received.

DIRTY CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land two miles southeast of Oktaha, OK in grass and understory. No new information was reported.

STUART, Chickasaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is three miles south of Stuart, OK in hardwood litter. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,877	NR	UNK	241	0	25	6	0	13.3M	N/A
FL SPORTS PARKS	FL	FLS	896	80	UNK	16	0	1	1	0	4.5K	ST
GARCON-EASTER	FL	FLS	468	75	UNK	16	0	1	0	0	7.8K	PRI
DIRTY CREEK	OK	OXS	1,250	80	UNK	22	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
STUART	OK	CHA	720	95	UNK	9	0	0	0	2	30K	BIA
CHEROKEE SOUTH COMPLEX	TN	CNF	592	100	---	121	10	0	0	0	227K	FS
BULL MOUNTAIN	VA	VAS	3,696	100	---	68	3	5	0	0	NR	ST

CNF – Cherokee National Forest

VAS - Virginia Department of Forestry

**EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HWY 13	MO	MOS	218	100	---	8	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
* BALD EAGLE	PA	PAS	110	100	---	56	3	16	0	0	NR	ST

MOS - Missouri Department of Conservation

PAS - Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MIDDLE FORK	SD	SDS	110	100	---	66	4	1	0	0	65.3K	ST

SDS - South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression

## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watches:** For much of northern Arizona for strong southwest winds and low humidity. For western Colorado for increasing southwest winds, low humidity and isolated dry lightning

**Weather Discussion:** A large upper level trough will move into the western U.S. today with strong winds and dry conditions across portions of the southern Great Basin, southeastern California, and the Southwest Area. Elsewhere, dry conditions will linger for one last day for northeastern portions of New England.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p><b>Eastern Area</b> Areas of showers and thunderstorms across the Mid-Atlantic and southern Northeast states. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers over the eastern Great Lakes. Fair elsewhere.</p>	<p>70 to 80 over the Missouri, Iowa, southern Illinois and southern Indiana. Mid-Atlantic states as well as Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. 50 to 60 over the northern and eastern Great Lakes. 60 to 70 elsewhere.</p>	<p>17 to 27% across Maine. 25 to 35% over the rest of the eastern New England states into early afternoon. 30 to 40% the western Great Lakes as well as Missouri into central Illinois.</p>	<p>East to southeast at 10 to 20 mph over the eastern Mid-Atlantic and western Northeast states. Northwest to north at 8 to 18 mph across the northern and eastern Great Lakes.</p>
<p><b>Rocky Mountain Area</b> Becoming partly with isolated thunderstorms developing. Some storms may be dry over Colorado and southern Wyoming.</p>	<p>75 to 85 lower elevations. 55 to 65 mountains.</p>	<p>10 to 20% lower elevations of Wyoming, Colorado, and southwest Kansas. Greater than 25% elsewhere.</p>	<p>Southwest wind 15 to 30 mph over western Colorado. South to Southeast 10 to 20 mph elsewhere.</p>
<p><b>Southwest Area</b> Mostly sunny, increasingly windy and dry across Arizona and western New Mexico. Partly cloudy and breezy across eastern New Mexico and west Texas, with a slight chance of thunderstorms near and east of the Texas state line.</p>	<p>80s to low 90s lower elevations and 50s to 70s higher elevations.</p>	<p>5 to 15%, except 15 to 30% far eastern New Mexico and west Texas.</p>	<p>Southwest 20 to 30 mph across Arizona and western New Mexico. South 10 to 20 mph across eastern New Mexico and west Texas.</p>
<p><b>Southern California</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers.</p>	<p>45 to 60 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 60 to 70 upper deserts. 70 to 80 lower deserts.</p>	<p>20 to 40% deserts, otherwise 50 to 70%.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.</p>
<p><b>Southern Area</b> No information was reported.</p>			



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP**

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)

To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES		3				3	6
	ACRES		3				0	3
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					15		15
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					6		6
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
Southwest	FIRES	3	1			1	4	9
	ACRES	2	4			70	1	77
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					152	4	156
	ACRES					341	6	347
Southern Area	FIRES	3				209		212
	ACRES	405				10,580		10,985
TOTAL	FIRES	6	5	0	0	369	11	391
	ACRES	407	17	0	0	11,013	7	11,444

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Northwest	FIRES	10		2			5	18
	ACRES	6		3			6	15
Northern California	FIRES						72	81
	ACRES						1,555	2,799
Southern California	FIRES		4					29
	ACRES		10					11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES	102	2	7	1		8	125
	ACRES	504	101	945	223		3,586	5,583
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	3				6	10
	ACRES	52	12				385	449
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13		1			15
	ACRES		19		1			20
Southwest	FIRES	223	36	1	37		480	959
	ACRES	1,653	1,571	431	3,496		234,515	254,126
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	7	17	2		144	229
	ACRES	988	0	824	0		107,379	116,717
Eastern Area	FIRES	340		16	33		8,346	9,064
	ACRES	5,455		619	215		50,215	62,909
Southern Area	FIRES	349		121	16		23,413	24,547
	ACRES	42,667		12,969	3,373		1,647,348	1,739,311
TOTAL	FIRES	1,054	65	164	90		32,478	35,081
	ACRES	51,325	1,713	15,791	7,308		2,044,990	2,193,035

<b>Five Year Average Fires</b>	<b>24,171</b>
<b>Five Year Average Acres</b>	<b>728,351</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				5			5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2				2	4
	ACRES		140				41	181
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			124			325	449
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5					5
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						295	295
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		840				2,544	3,384
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		20	3	24
	ACRES			2		1,075	25	1,102
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	2	0	20	10	36
	ACRES	0	985	126	5	1,075	3,230	5,421

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	88	15			20	126
	ACRES	574	4,052	600			259	5,485
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	3		48	69
	ACRES	101	222	13,672	12		714	14,721
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			50	57
	ACRES		285	24			1,673	1,982
Northern Rockies	FIRES		8	13	1	2	12	36
	ACRES		761	2,846	128	666	290	4,691
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	9	6		1	10	28
	ACRES	1,096	1,770	1,548		2	1,844	6,260
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1				3
	ACRES		15	10				25
Southwest	FIRES	20	5	2	1		68	96
	ACRES	3,080	1,202	320	87		30,055	34,744
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	18	11	35	9	25	74	172
	ACRES	1,937	3,967	9,177	377	1,462	20,909	37,829
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		165	30	713	123	1,051
	ACRES	11,181		22,176	4,712	34,588	25,211	97,868
Southern Area	FIRES	1		145	33	199	676	1,054
	ACRES	120		66,536	7,907	102,653	542,274	719,490
TOTAL	FIRES	76	131	387	77	940	1,081	2,692
	ACRES	18,089	12,274	116,909	13,223	139,371	623,229	923,095

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**WFU FIRES AND YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			1						15	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1		4		1		4		2	
Rocky Mountain	1	3	1						8	4
Eastern Area		3		19			1		6	11
Southern Area	13	1	16	29	6	2	4		176	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>107</b>

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